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FIELD REPORTS - SPRING 1994

GENERAL TRENDS

I was in Tucson, Arizona during most of March so missed that part of the spring period. Waterfowl migration peaked about 9 April, when 16 duck species were found at Cardinal Marsh.

Cool, stormy weather during the last few days of April and the first ten days of May grounded unusually large numbers of Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers, Northern Waterthrush, and Zonotrichia sparrows.

After May 11, lack of rain and storms resulted in relatively few migrants noted. The warbler migration, except for the three species noted above, was light. I found only 18 species in Allamakee and Winneshiek counties and missed some regular species, e.g. Black-thr. Green and Canada Warbler.

Thrushes were scarce — no Verry, 1 Hermit Thrush, 2 records of Gray-cheeked Thrush and 3 of Swainson's Thrush, a few Wood Thrush in localities where they breed.

SPECIES DATA

Allamakee County records are from Effigy Mounds National Monument. and ~~Harpers Ferry (Nobles Island)~~. Winneshiek County records are from Cardinal Marsh, Decorah, Lake Meyer County Park, and Burr Oak (spelled with doubler). Lake Cornelia, Wright County shorebird records were obtained at a wet field ~~N~~ of the lake, a locality that has been productive in the past, when it has water.

Common Loon: 1 was on Lake Cornelia on 3 May.

Pied-billed Grebe: Peak was 20 at Cardinal Marsh on 15 Apr.

Am. White Pelican: First were 40 at Lake Meyer, Winneshiek Co. on 14 Apr (Larry Reis) with other records from Cardinal M. during the following week.

Great Egret: very few this spring

Tundra Swan: 4 were seen at Cardinal M. on 9 Apr; another observer heard their distinctive calls.

Snow Goose: 4 were at Cardinal M. on 9 Apr.

Green-winged Teal: 2 males were still at Cardinal M. on 27 May.

Northern Shoveler: Peak was 120 at Cardinal M. on 31 Mar.

Canvasback: Peak was 52 at Cardinal M. on 31 Mar.

Ring-necked Duck: Peak was 120 at Cardinal M. on 31 Mar.

Hooded Merganser: 2^{females} were at Cardinal M. on 25 May.

Osprey: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. on 22 Apr. and 2 at Decorah on 1 May.

Broad-winged Hawk: First was 1 at Decorah on 20 Apr.

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Semipalmated Plover: First were 4 at Lake Cornelia, Wright Co. on 3 May; 2 were at Decorah on 6 May and 7 were at Cardinal M. on 13 and 19 May. Last were 2 at Cardinal M. on 25 May.

Greater Yellowlegs: Peak was 9 at Cardinal M. on 22 Apr.

Solitary Sandpiper: First were ~~1~~⁴ in Winneshiek Co. on 30 Apr. Peak was 5 in Winneshiek Co. on 7 May and last was 1 at Cardinal M. on 19 May, also 2 other May records for Winneshiek Co.

Willet: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. on 27 Apr.

Spotted Sandpiper: First was 1 near Burr Oak, Winneshiek Co. on 19 Apr.

Least Sandpiper: 5 were seen at Lake Cornelia on 3 May and 16 were at Cardinal M. on 13 May.

White-rumped Sandpiper: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. (also by Tex Sordahl) on 25 May.

Baird's Sandpiper: 1 was carefully studied at close range (with Least and Pectoral Sandpiper on either side) at Lake Cornelia on 3 May.

Dunlin: 2 were at Lake Cornelia on 3 May and 2 at Cardinal M. on 25 May.

Bonaparte's Gull: First was 1 at Cardinal M. on 14 Apr; 50^{at a farm pond} near Burr Oak on 19 Apr. greatly exceeded my previous Winneshiek Co. high count of 4.

Forster's Tern: First were 2 at Cardinal M. on 14 Apr.; 12 were there on 7 May.

Black-billed Cuckoo: 1 was seen at Decorah on 24 May.

Olive-sided Flycatcher: 1 " " " " " " " "

Eastern Wood Pewee: not found at Decorah until 22 May.

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- Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1 was seen at Decorah on 12 May.
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet: fewer than usual.
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: First was at Cardinal M. on 27 Apr.
- Water Pipit: 1 was seen at Lake Cornelia on 3 May.
- Cedar Waxwing: scarce and in small numbers.
- Yellow-rumped Warbler: abundant in late April and early May but not seen after 11 May.
- Palm Warbler: First was at Cardinal M. on 22 Apr; peak was 14 at Decorah on 1 May.
- Blackpoll Warbler: A singing male at Decorah on 1 May was unusually early; peak was 16 in one Decorah locality on 11 May.
- American Redstart: First was a male, seen at close range, at Effigy Mounds on 29 Apr. On 24 May, 22 were found in wooded areas, where they breed, at Decorah.
- Prothonotary Warbler: A male was seen at Decorah on 7 May.
- Northern Waterthrush: First was 1 at Cardinal M. on 27 Apr; peak was 10 at Effigy Mounds on 10 May.
- Louisiana Waterthrush: A singing male was on territory at Malanaphy Springs, near Decorah, on 30 Apr and 17 May.
- Mourning Warbler: 2 singing males were at Decorah on 24 May.
- Clay-colored Sparrow: 1 was seen at Cardinal M. on 27 Apr.
- White-throated Sparrow: Last were 2 at Decorah on 22 May.
- White-crowned Sparrow: 4 were at Lake Meyer, Winneshiek Co. on 6 May, also 1 there 9-13 May.
- Harris Sparrow: 1 was at Lake Meyer on 6 May and 3 were there 9-13 May; singles were seen in 2 other Winneshiek Co. localities.

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